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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
 XAVIER LEBOUCHER : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
 SERIAL NO: 09/926,235 :
 FILED: 28 September 2001 :
 FOR: POUCH AND PACKAGING AND
 DISTRIBUTION UNIT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
 application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Sub B3
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 1. (Amended) Bag provided with a deformable flexible wall, designed to contain a
 product of liquid to pasty consistency, which is intended to be dispensed by a manual jet
 metering pump of the type without air renewal, to be placed over an area of opening of said
 bag and to be arranged, in cooperation with the latter, to ensure that the product it contains is
 kept permanently air-sealed or appreciably air-sealed, said bag equipped with its pump,
 furthermore to be able to be introduced and protected in an ²⁹⁶outer casing to form a packaging
 and dispensing unit for said product, characterized in that said bag presents, in proximity to
 its opening, at least one area rendered rigid by a thickening ³⁰⁰of its wall, and containing